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SUBJECT : INCESSANT GUINEAN RADIO ATTACKS ON SENGHOR
AND HOUPHOUET

1. EVERY DAY FOR PAST SEVERAL WEEKS GUINEAN VOICE OF THE
REVOLUTION HAS CARRIED A NEW EDITORIAL OR ITEM ATTACKING
SENGHOR, HOUPHOUET, OR BOTH, AS HAVE ALL RECENT ISSUES OF
PARTY NEWSPAPER. SINCE JUST PRIOR TO SENGHOR/HOUPHOUET MEETING
TONE HAS ORIENTED TOWARD ENCOURAGING DEMONSTRATIONS AND OTHER
ACTIONS BY SENEGALESE AND IVORIAN PEOPLE. DECEMBER 17 RADIO
COMMENTARY, AFTER CLAIMING THAT SENGHOR AND HOUPHOUET HAD
ALLOWED FRENCH NEOCOLONIALISTS TO CONTINUE EXPORTING RICE
WHILE AFRICANS DYING BECAUSE OF SAHEL DROUGHT/FAMINE,
INCLUDED A "DISPATCH FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT IN DAKAR."
DISPATCH CLAIMED UNPRECEDENTED MILITARY SECURITY MEASURES
TAKEN FOR SENGHOR/HOUPHOUET MEETING, SALE OF GASOLINE IN
JERRY CANS SUSPENDED TO PREVENT FABRICATION OF MOLOTOV
COCKTAILS, GUINEAN RADIO JAMMED. THESE MEASURES TAKEN TO
PREVENT SENEGALESE PEOPLE FROM CARRYING OUT PLANS OF
"COMITES RE-

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VOLUTIONNAIRES DE COORDINATION" TO RID AFRICA OF
TWO TRAITORS.

2. COMMENT: WE RECEIVE OCCASIONAL REPORTS OF RECENT GUINEAN ALERTS AND TROOP DISPLACEMENTS TO GUARD AGAINST POSSIBILITY OF ATTACK FROM SENEGAL, IVORY COAST OR PORTUGUESE GUINEA, BUT THIS PRESS CAMPAIGN IS NOT ORIENTED TOWARD GALVANIZING GUINEAN DEFENSES. GUIDING PRINCIPLE SEEMS TO BE THAT SENGHOR OR HOUPHOUET WILL FALL, AS RESULT OF GUINEAN ENCOURAGEMENT OF SENEGALESE AND IVORIAN PEOPLE, WHICH WILL PROVE CORRECTNESS OF GUINEAN "REVOLUTION", I.E., POLICIES OF TOURE REGIME. FAILURE OF GUINEAN PRESS CAMPAIGN TO QUIETLY WITHER AWAY AFTER NOVEMBER 22 CELEBRATIONS HERE HAS SURPRISED MOST FOREIGN OBSERVERS, SINCE THESE TASTELESS, REPETITIVE HARANGUES MUST BE BORING AND IRRITATING EVEN FOR GUINEAN AUDIENCES.

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